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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

## Assembly Concurrent Resolution

**No. 20**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bill Berryhill**

February 5, 2009

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Relative to the Sergeant  
Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Highway Interchange.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 20, as amended, Bill Berryhill. Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange between State Highway Route 99 and Whitmore Avenue in the City of Ceres as the Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange. The measure would also request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Howard K. “Howie” Stevenson was born  
2 on February 18, 1965, and on June 3, 1986, at 21 years of age,  
3 became a peace officer with the Ceres Police Department; and  
4 WHEREAS, On January 9, 2005, while responding to a call for  
5 assistance at a local liquor store, Sergeant Stevenson and fellow  
6 officers were ambushed and met with a hail of gunfire from an  
7 assault rifle; and  
8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson died almost instantly; and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson was the first police officer in  
2 the 86-year history of the City of Ceres to be killed in the line of  
3 duty; and

4 WHEREAS, On the morning of January 18, 2005, when  
5 Sergeant Stevenson was laid to rest, more than 2,000 mourners,  
6 mostly peace officers from jurisdictions statewide and as far away  
7 as Boise, Idaho, gathered at the First Baptist Church in Modesto  
8 to pay their final respects to a fallen hero; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Art de Werk eulogized Sergeant Stevenson  
10 in glowing terms and concluded his remarks with “and to you  
11 Howie: secure your gun and hang up your duty belt. You’ve made  
12 the difficult sacrifice as a hero, dying in the service of your fellow  
13 man. You are cleared of your watch”; and

14 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson is remembered affectionately  
15 by his fellow officers as being a role model and mentor to younger  
16 officers, and as being “a cops’ cop”; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Stevenson is survived by his wife Kathy,  
18 daughters Megan and Mikeala, and son Bryce; now, therefore, be  
19 it

20 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
21 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
22 sacrifices made by Sergeant Howard K. Stevenson in the line of  
23 duty, and hereby designates the interchange between State Highway  
24 Route 99 and Whitmore Avenue in the City of Ceres, between  
25 exits 218 and 223, northbound and southbound, as the Sergeant  
26 Howard K. Stevenson Memorial Interchange; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
28 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
29 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the  
30 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
31 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the Speaker of the Assembly transmit copies of  
33 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
34 author for appropriate distribution.